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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MPOL, PINS, VT
SUBJECT: THE VATICAN AND THE NEUTRON BOMB

REF: STATE 4552, 77 ROME 21288

1. DURING CONVERSATION JANUARY 9, WE PROVIDED VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI WITH TALKING POINTS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL AND IN 77 STATE 306542 AND 77 STATE 309371. HE APPRECIATED HAVING OUR VIEWS AND IN DIRECT REPLY TO OUR QUESTION, HE SAID THAT VATICAN DOES NOT PLAN SINGLE OUT NEUTRON BOMB FOR CONDEMNATION IN FORTHCOMING PAPAL SPEECH TO VATICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS JANUARY 14. IN ADDITION, HE ADMITED THAT SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES HAD IN THE RECENT PAST INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A DENUNCIATION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB BY THE POPE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE ISSUE MAY BE CONSIDERED CLOSED FOR TIME-BEING, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS KEEP THE TOPIC IN MIND FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION DURING CASAROLI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON JANUARY 26-27.HOLMES

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